

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

For the convenience of the Examiner, all claims have been presented whether or not an amendment has been made. The claims have been amended as follows:

1. **(Previously Presented)** A method for presenting a status of an object in a graphic display, comprising:

displaying a plurality of icons, wherein:

the icons are associated with a plurality of objects; and

the icons are arranged according to locations of the associated objects as deployed in a network;

determining a value of a property associated with a particular object;

generating a status indicator representing the determined value; and

displaying the status indicator.

2. **(Original)** The method of claim 1, wherein the status indicator has a translucent quality.

3. **(Original)** The method of claim 1, wherein the status indicator has a reflective quality.

4. **(Original)** The method of claim 1, wherein the status indicator is depicted as a bar.

5. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 4, wherein at least one dimension of the bar represents the determined value.

6. **(Original)** The method of claim 1, wherein the status indicator is depicted as a quantitative indicator.

7. **(Original)** The method of claim 6, wherein the quantitative indicator is a gauge.

8. **(Previously Presented)** A method for presenting a user selected status of an object in a graphic display, comprising:

displaying a plurality of icons, wherein:

the icons are associated with a plurality of objects; and

the icons are arranged according to locations of the associated objects as deployed in a network;

receiving a request to select a property of a particular object for display;

displaying at least one property associated with the particular object;

receiving a selection of a property;

determining a value of the selected property;

generating a status indicator based on the value of the selected property; and

displaying the status indicator.

9. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 8, wherein generating a status indicator comprises automatically determining a form of the status indicator.

10. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 8, further comprising receiving a selection from a user determining a form of the status indicator.

11. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 8, wherein the status indicator is a bar graph.

12. **(Previously Presented)** An apparatus for presenting a status of an object in a graphic display, comprising:

a graphical user interface operative to display a plurality of icons, wherein:

the icons are associated with a plurality of objects; and

the icons are arranged according to locations of the associated objects as deployed in a network;

and

a processor operative to:

determine a value of a property associated with a particular object; and

generate a status indicator representing the determined value, wherein the status indicator is displayed.

13. **(Previously Presented)** An apparatus for presenting a user selected status of an object in a graphic display, comprising:

a graphical user interface operative to display a plurality of icons, wherein:

the icons are associated with a plurality of objects; and

the icons are arranged according to locations of the associated objects as deployed in a network;

and

a processor operative to:

receive a request to select a property of a particular object for display;

display at least one property associated with the particular object;

receive a selection of a property;

determine a value of the selected property; and

generate a status indicator based on the value of the selected property, wherein the status indicator is displayed.

14. **(Previously Presented)** An apparatus for presenting a status of an object in a graphic display, comprising:

means for displaying a plurality of icons, wherein:

the icons are associated with a plurality of objects; and

the icons are arranged according to locations of the associated objects as deployed in a network;

means for determining a value of a property associated with a particular object;

means for generating a status indicator representing the determined value; and

means for displaying the status indicator.

15. **(Previously Presented)** An apparatus for presenting a user selected status of an object in a graphic display, comprising:

means for displaying a plurality of icons, wherein:

the icons are associated with a plurality of objects; and

the icons are arranged according to locations of the associated objects as deployed in a network;

means for receiving a request to select a property of a particular object for display;

means for displaying at least one property associated with the particular object;

means for receiving a selection of a property;

means for determining a value of the selected property;

means for generating a status indicator based on the value of the selected property;

and

means for displaying the status indicator.

16. **(Previously Presented)** A computer-readable storage medium encoded with processing instructions for implementing a method for presenting a status of an object in a graphic display, the processing instructions operable when executed to direct a computer to perform the steps of:

displaying a plurality of icons, wherein:

the icons are associated with a plurality of objects; and

the icons are arranged according to locations of the associated objects as deployed in a network;

determining a value of a property associated with a particular object;

generating a status indicator representing the determined value; and

displaying the status indicator.

17. **(Previously Presented)** A computer-readable storage medium encoded with processing instructions for implementing a method for presenting a user selected status of an object in a graphic display, the processing instructions operable when executed to direct a computer to perform the steps of:

displaying a plurality of icons, wherein:

the icons are associated with a plurality of objects; and

the icons are arranged according to locations of the associated objects as deployed in a network;

receiving a request to select a property of a particular object for display;

displaying at least one property associated with the particular object;

receiving a selection of a property;

determining a value of the selected property;

generating a status indicator based on the value of the selected property; and

displaying the status indicator.

18. **(Previously Presented)** The method of Claim 1, further comprising:

displaying lines between the icons, the lines representing network links;

determining a status associated with a particular network link; and

modifying the displayed line associated with the particular network link, the modification based at least in part on the determined status.

19. **(Previously Presented)** The apparatus of Claim 12, wherein:
the graphical user interface is further operative to display lines between the icons, the lines representing network links; and
the processor is further operative to:
 - determine a status associated with a particular network link; and
 - modify the displayed line associated with the particular network link, the modification based at least in part on the determined status.
20. **(Previously Presented)** The method of Claim 1, further comprising displaying a control panel associated with the particular object, wherein the control panel comprises textual descriptions of one or more properties represented by status indicators that are currently displayed.
21. **(Previously Presented)** The method of Claim 1, wherein:
the icons are three-dimensional graphical models of the associated objects; and
the icons are arranged on a three-dimensional graphical surface.
22. **(Previously Presented)** The method of Claim 1, wherein the status indicator is displayed relative to a particular icon representing the particular object.
23. **(Previously Presented)** The method of Claim 2, wherein the translucent quality is such that a view of the displayed icons is not obstructed by the status indicator.
24. **(Previously Presented)** The method of Claim 8, wherein:
the icons are three-dimensional graphical models of the associated objects; and
the icons are arranged on a three-dimensional graphical surface.
25. **(Previously Presented)** The method of Claim 8, wherein the status indicator is displayed relative to a particular icon representing the particular object.

26. **(Previously Presented)** The apparatus of Claim 12, wherein:
the icons are three-dimensional graphical models of the associated objects; and
the icons are arranged on a three-dimensional graphical surface.

27. **(Previously Presented)** The apparatus of Claim 12, wherein the status
indicator is displayed relative to a particular icon representing the particular object.

28. **(Previously Presented)** The apparatus of Claim 13, wherein:
the icons are three-dimensional graphical models of the associated objects; and
the icons are arranged on a three-dimensional graphical surface.

29. **(Previously Presented)** The apparatus of Claim 13, wherein the status
indicator is displayed relative to a particular icon representing the particular object.